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Fitchburg Trounces Keene Normal, 56-44

FINAL EXAMINATIONS BEGIN TUESDAY

We have had Art Week, Book Week, Photography Week, and Be-Kind-to-Pedestrians Week, but the Week of Weeks, that for which everyone has been waiting is yet to come. For Semester Final Examination Week begins next Tuesday, January 16.

In preparation for this event, midnight oil has been burned prodigiously. Social activities have been curtailed in the school so that nothing would take the students away from their work. It is the time not only of feverish reviewing of notes and texts, but for equally feverish completion of assignments that we have had all semester to do and put off "until tomorrow."

This semester a little change is being made in the system. Instead of stretching the examination period over an entire week, all exams have been scheduled within four days.

While there is the usual doleful pessimism concerning the out-

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FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS ILL

Four members of our faculty, Miss Nixon, Miss Conlon, Mrs. Simmons, and Miss Mahoney, have been absent this week because of illness.

Miss Nixon will be back next week and the others some time soon, it is expected.



GIL BERRY
Captain of Basketball Team

WINTER CARNIVAL JANUARY 26 AND 27

The official program for the winter carnival has been announced. It includes skating, skiing, sliding, tobogganing, snow sculpture, ski jumping exhibition, a snow battle and the traditional Carnival Ball.

Skating will open the carnival on Friday afternoon at St. Joseph's rink in Cleghorn, from 3:30 to 5:30. This rink is one of the best in the city, and provided a fine setting for the skating activities last year. The Carnival Ball, the first official offering of the Freshman Class, will be pre-

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GAME FIRST IN T. C. CONFERENCE

Fitchburg T. C. hoopsters beat Keene Normal 56 to 44 Wednesday night in a fast, thrilling game before a large crowd at B. F. Brown gymnasium.

Fitchburg tallied first and kept the lead throughout the game. Dick Bejune and Chet Smith, forwards, kept the strings flying with their shots, Smith personally accounting for 18 points and Bejune copping 17. Capt. Berry followed with 8 points; Deveikis had 7, Konsavage, 4, and Bennett, 2. Sharpshooter Burton of Keene got 12 points, most of them from difficult angle shots.

This was Fitchburg's first home game and the school turned out full force, cheer leaders, faculty, and all. The team was backed throughout by the intense school spirit. If the school keeps the fine cheers, the team can't lose.

Coach Louis Kulcinski made only one substitution, Bennett, keeping the same team almost

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FRESHMEN COUNCIL MEMBERS CHOSEN

Beverly Wilson and Clifford Querolo were elected Freshmen representatives to the Council at the Student Cooperative meeting which was held yesterday morning at eleven o'clock in the Assembly hall. Miss Wilson had been appointed representative during the year.

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Editorial—

We are nearing the end of the first semester; one half of our school year has passed. Next week we will be required to take final examinations on the work which we have done. What we are able to write on our examination papers will represent to a great extent the knowledge which we will carry out of the courses which we have taken. What will you be able to write when the time comes? Did you get all that you could out of the classes and outside assignments? Or were they just a necessary evil to be tolerated but not given more than a passing thought? If, on looking back, you find that you did not get the maximum out of your classes, now is the time to promise yourself that next semester will be different.

But you should not place too much importance on the exams. It is true that they sum up half a years work, but they are not the work in themselves. Even though you may not do as well on the exams as some others, that does not mean that you have learned less than they. Many scholars and psychologists agree that it is better not to cram at the last minute. A relaxed and refreshed mind can recall facts better than one that has been overworked. Of course, a mind, no matter how refreshed or relaxed, cannot recall that which it has never known, but the time for learning the subject matter of the course is past.

The Ash Tray

Flashes!—mid-yearingitis has attacked all F. T. C.—scarabitis has come to one more person, making it a total of four—trainingitis and supervisoritis just around the corner for the Junior E'S. Let's forget exams and laugh while the laughing is good—I found these daffynitions in the waste basket up in the library. Incidentally, reserve your seats now—libraryitis will certainly prevail next week.

Daffynitions:—philosophy—a smoke screen behind which we hide our ignorance—Tallyrand—a famous fan dancer (and cut the baby talk!)—Diploma—a man who fixes pipes—Stew—the connecting link between the animal and vegetable kingdom—Scarabitis—the act of knowing who the Scarab is—Catarrh—a musical instrument—Fall River—an important river in New England—Sardines—the children of a Czar and Czarina—Marriage—the chief cause for divorce—Squawker—the child of an Indian squaw.

You know there's really only one way to fill up the ash tray—a la Holt—I wish I could do it.

"I've lost another pupil," said the college professor—as his glass eye fell into the sink.

All men are born free and equal but some get married.

After man came woman—and she has been after him ever since.

Laugh and the world laughs with you—snore, and you sleep alone.

Then there is—the cow-girl who entered the horse show and held her roan with the best of them—the freshman who still thinks that bacteria is the back door to a cafeteria—The miner's daughter but she's never boring—The bootlegger's daughter but I love her still—The printer's daughter but I sure like her type.

A young theologian named Fiddle
Refused to accept his degree;
For, he said, it's enough to be fiddle
Without being Fiddle D. D.

Cheerio—and good luck next week.

If you have faithfully done your work throughout the semester you have nothing to worry about. But then, worrying does no good in any case, so why worry?

W. A. A. Notes

As the first semester ends let us look back to September, 1939, and review some of our W. A. A. sport successes.

Late September and October brought hiking, tennis, and hockey. Nellie Meskinis has chalked up on hike so far but the A. A. can look for more. Mary Owens had good tennis season with many new players out. She plans to continue this sport in the spring and to have class and color games then.

Hockey, under the direction of Eleanor Thurlow, was a great event this year with many girls out at Edgerly Field anxious to whack the puck. The White Team came through as champions.

The White team is also champion of soccer, our November sport. Many girls braved the cold to kick and run and head in this sport. Gert Hermenson was head of soccer for the '39 season.

The big event of November, however, was the A. A. conference. Delegates from the seven teacher's colleges have expressed their opinion that it was one of the best conferences they had ever attended both socially and athletically. With an exceptional fine speaker, Dean Herman, interesting panel discussions, survey reports, roller skating, hockey game between faculty and students, and the never to be forgotten Barn Dance. it couldn't help but be a success. Much credit should be given Miss Bolger, Eileen Connelly, and Ruth Hughes as well as the members of the various committees for this great success.

November was an eventful month for it also brought to the

A. A. tap dancing under the direction of Beverly O'Donnell. In the survey it was found that tap dancing was the most popular of the types of dancing among the students it was therefore voted to be taught as an extra curricular activity. Dancing is always important in a school system and every Teacher's College member should try to get some practice in it.

December rolled in with basketball on the schedule and Lil Szocik and Pris Leighton heading the sports. This month finds these two sports well under way.

The 1940 W. A. A sports schedule besides including basketball, dancing, and bowling will also offer volley ball, swimming, softball, tennis, and roller skating.

Coach Szocik started to empty her basket of games on Tuesday with the playing of games between the four classes. The first game was played by the Seniors and Juniors and proved to be an exciting, nerve-racking, battle with the final score 13-12 in favor of the Juniors.

The Freshmen made their debut in the gym by defeating the Sophomores 25-20. Both teams played a fast game. High scorer's for both games were Sironatis 9, Viner 6, and Ward 4.

On Monday the W. A. A. will hold a meeting for all members in the large assembly hall at 3 P. M. At this meeting a Freshman representative will be chosen to serve on the W. A. A. board.

The two nominees are Helen Chadwick and Phyllis Hancock.

FITCHBURG DEFEATED BY WORCESTER, 60-32

The Fitchburg Teachers College basketball team was defeated by Worcester Tech 60-32 last Saturday night at the Boynton Hill Gymnasium in Worcester before a large crowd.

The F.T.C. basketekers with Chet Smith and Dick Bejune as forwards made things look bad for Worcester in the first period. The Tech rooters were worried when the Fitchburgers whirled to a 10 to 1 lead in the first few minutes of play. At the end of the quarter, however, Tech got ahead 13 to 10.

Towering 6 ft. 4 under Fitchburg's basket was Long John Wells of Tech, smacking home eight baskets for a total of 16 points. He led the strong Tech hoopsters to a final 60 to 32 victory over Fitchburg.

For the entire forty minutes of action, Smith and Bejune sparked the Fitchburg team by scoring more than half the team's points.

The F.T.C. quintet showed great promise and will prove to be a powerful opponent to the rest of its scheduled foes.

MISS MAHONEY NEW SUPERVISOR

Miss M. Charlotte Mahoney has been appointed supervisor of the commercial arithmetic classes in the junior high school to take the place of Mr. Edward Knowles who was appointed head of geography at the Lowell State Teachers College.

Miss Mahoney was supervisor of the third and fourth grades at the Dillon School. She received her B. S. at Hyannis Teachers College, a diploma at Lowell Teachers College, her A. M. at Columbia University and has taken courses at Boston University.

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First Grade:

Supervisor: Mrs. Smith

Trainer: Marion Moore

Second Grade:

Supervisor: Mrs. Smith

Trainer: Onnerva Heikkinen

Third Grade:

Supervisor: Miss Quattlander

Trainers: Mary E. Gibbons

Marie Clougherty

Fourth Grade:

Supervisor: Miss Quattlander

Trainer: Ursula Mulcahy

Fifth Grade:

Supervisor: Miss Johnson

Trainer: Claire Andrews

Ethel Mandrus

Sixth Grade:

Supervisor: Miss Wingate

Trainers: Dorothy Hackett

Laurencia Grill

Doris Williams

At the Dillon School the trainers will be:

First Grade:

Supervisor: Undecided

Trainer: Eleanor Thurlow

Second Grade:

Supervisor: Undecided

Trainer: Nancy Fitzgerald

Sara Donovaa

Third Grade:

Supervisor: Undecided

Trainer: Lillian Szocik

Fourth Grade:

Supervisor: Undecided

Trainer: Sirkka Waris

Fifth Grade:

Supervisor: Miss Gearan

Trainers: Beverly O'Donnell

Eileen Connelly

Sixth Grade:

Supervisor: Miss Gearan

Trainer: Raymond Stanley

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EXAMINATIONS HELD FOR FITCHBURG VACANCIES

One hundred and twenty-eight men and women from six different states spent one or more days of the Christmas vacation at Bridgewater Teachers College taking examinations for twelve vacancies in the teaching and training staff of the Massachusetts Teachers Colleges. Of these number, twelve were candidates for the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Catherine McConnell of the Dillon School, and twenty-four were candidates for the position made vacant by the promotion of Mrs. Anna Simmons of the junior high school to the faculty of Fitchburg Teachers College.

Those who served on the oral examination board for the vacancy in the Dillon School were Dr. Herlihy, Miss Gearan, and Miss McCarty of the Fitchburg faculty and Miss Thompson of Bridgewater. A board composed of President Duggan of Lowell; Miss Beal, director of training at Bridgewater; Miss Foster, director of training at Worcester; and Mr. Clark, principal of the junior high school at Fitchburg examined the candidates for the vacancy in the junior high school.

At present the ratings of the candidates are not completed but it is expected that they will be ready within a few days and the results will be announced within a week or two.

MRS. SIMMONS AT CHICAGO MEETING

During the Christmas vacation Mrs. Simmons had the pleasure of attending the annual meetings of several geographical associations which were held at the University of Chicago. Among these associations were the National Council of Geography Teachers who held their twenty-sixth annual meeting on the 27th and 28th of December; and the

Council Notes

Summary of recent Council meeting:—

I. The Association shall present a gift to the school in honor of the Senior classes in conformity with the following recommendations:—

a. This is to be the policy of the S. C. A. in the future years.

b. A committee selected by the Senior class with suggestions and approval of the Council shall select the gift.

c. This gift shall be presented on class day by the graduating president of the S. C. A.

d. If the Senior class returns \$25 of allotment, the above procedure will be effective this year; otherwise, this policy will begin next year, 1940-1941.

2. Both Deans feel that the payment of blanket fees will very soon be entirely cleared up.

3. Each organization sponsoring a social or cultural function shall have charge of the collection of tickets. The President of the S.C. A. will elect two people to check this matter.

4. The report of the committee investigating the problem of conflicting meetings was returned to that committee for study.

5. A committee will be formed, one member from the Council and three from the Association to look into matters involving expense to students, e.g., transportation and food.

6. Pep songs should be written to help our athletic teams. All who talented in this line are urged to write.

American Geographers whose thirty-sixth annual meeting lasted three days.

The studies included: modern trends in geographic education, Middle American geography, European geography, and the changing conditions in the world at the present time.

Next year the meetings will be held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Campus Chatter

As Roger sings it:

"Last night I saw upon the stairs

A little man—it wasn't fair;
I thought there'd be a lady there."

Gray: "Sweeney, as a member of the library committee, are you aware of the evils of the library system?"

Sweeney: "What library system?"

Paul says his car starts automatically. He only steps on the self-starter to give it an idea or two!

Ginny H. likes the *higher things* in life!! Anyway, around 6 ft. 2 in.

Eileen says that she doesn't like mo(i)st people. We've been trying to figure that one out. Probably she means "drips!"

Emily wouldn't be the first P. A. woman with an apron—Remember Claire last year with Mr. Landall's on?

Remember Charlie C.'s car? He says he doesn't know what model it was—probably it wasn't a model—more of a horrible example!

Johnson every noon: "Come on, my gem, let's forget training troubles and get a few of our own!"

Heard in the corridors: My, my, how tempus does fugit.

To the boys:

If you're going To war, pray once—

If you're going To sea, pray twice—

If it's leap year—Just pray!

Soph. P. A.: "Do you serve crabs here?"

Waiter: "Sure, we're not particular. Sit down."

Have you noticed Helene Hill this week? No, she didn't lose

a bet; that's a personality wave. What a personality!

Heard around campus:

"Is she going with anyone?"
—"Yeah, anyone."

"Her morals are like her nerves—always on edge."

In case you don't know it, my middle name is Venus de Milo—you know, Hands Off!"

"If she'd get any closer to you she'd be on the other side of you."

"She isn't fat—she's only thin in a big way."

"She looks like Garbo—around the feet."

"Stop staring—what do you think I am—the Woolworth building?"

"Sure I'll go with you—do you have an Armstrong heater or a mechanical one?"

"Stop riding me—I'm not a merry-go-round."

"What has she got that I don't want?"

You can tell a freshman by the way he talks

You can tell a sophomore by the way he walks

You can tell a Junior by the way he sings

But you can't tell a senior a ?*!\$;& thing.

Raye Lowe—is it true that Purdy said to you "Look pleasant, Mr. Lowe, and in a few minutes you can resume your natural expression."

Mr. Foth received this on an exam from his Soph. I history class: "Look on Cygan's paper—my answers are there—I'm too lazy to write them this time."

Attention—Mary Lewis—We hear that you are going to change your name to E Pluribus Unum so you can have your name on all the money floating around.

Stan English isn't going fishing any more—the last time he went

Alumni Notes

The excitement caused in Boston by the recent release of "Gone With the Wind" was slightly overshadowed on Saturday, December 31, by the arrival in that city of members of the class of '39 who met for an informal reunion. The group, including Mary Chase, Mary Disken, Madalyn Wolfson, Bernie Johnson, Peggy Burke, Eileen Sheehan, Helen McAuliffe, Eleanor McCarthy and Mildred Slattery, attended the aforementioned cinema in the morning and spent the remainder of the day in Boston.

Esther Rice '39 visited F. T. C. last week. Miss Rice has a position in Vermont, teaching grades one to five in a rural school.

Elaine Cleaves '37 has a position in Amherst, Mass.

Arline Molaghan '38 is teaching the first grade in Harvard, Mass.

he got two shiners.

They say The Scarab is like an alcoholic beverage—a spirit that is enjoyed by some people.

There liveth a Turk with a harrah

Who rideth forth lickety-larrah
One day the horse rose
And stood on his nose
And all from the bite of a Scarab.
In Egypt there reigned a Pharaab
Who wore a ring sent by an Arab
When a native upstart
Shot a poisonous dart
The arrow glanced off of the Scarab.

So do take a tip from the Arab
And do not run lickety-larrah
Though he help you or hurt you
Or just disconcert you
You are all good friends of

THE SCARAB

CHANGES MADE IN 'STICK' STAFF

Because of the fact that some of the Juniors are going into training, several changes in the staff of THE STICK have been necessary. Thomas Passios has been made News Editor in place of Siraka Waris, Roger Holt is replacing Raymond Boyce in the office of Feature Editor, and Florence Hazel has succeeded Ursula Mulcahy as Women's Sports Editor.

All these new appointees are Seniors, and all have seen long service on the staff of the paper.

Final Exams

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come of the exams, we believe that, as has been found in the past, most of the fears are unfounded. All faculty members are exceedingly fair in formulating the exams, and anyone who has done his work well throughout the semester need have no worries.

There have been many questions, especially by the Freshmen, as to the importance of the examinations in regard to their effect upon the final mark. The value of the examinations differs with the instructors. Some give it a great importance, while others consider it hardly more so than other tests. We feel that it makes little difference, for it has been shown that in most cases the positive correlation between the quality of the final examination papers and the work throughout the semester is quite high.

THE STICK wishes to take this opportunity to wish one and all the success which we know they are going to have in "hitting" their final semester examinations.

On behalf of the college, THE STICK wishes to thank the Fitchburg Music Store for use of the piano at Tuesday's Assembly.

Driftwood

Just a bit of driftwood in the stream of life,
Floating, surging, whirling in this eternal strife,
Riding the crest like a majestic liner, Noble sight!
Then capsized and submerged by the whirlpool's might.
Driftwood. Unnoticed, unwanted, just idling by,
I often wonder just how it started and why.
But no matter what the cause or the reason
Driftwood can be seen, floating along, in any season.
Sometimes one can almost see an identity,
Nearly resembling, perhaps you or me,
Then we stop, stoop, and without any great generosity,
Help that driftwood on its way to the sea.
What a grand effort! What a noble deed!
How very blind that we can't see the need,
Of rescuing that driftwood, placing it on shore
So that it may do its part in Life's chore.

Franklyn Bishop.

Winter Carnival

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sented from 8:00 to 11:30. Decorations are said to be unique and colorful. This dance will be semi-formal.

The program on Saturday will commence at 9:00 with nearly two hours for skiing and tobogganing on the open slope at Hospital Hill. Time will be allowed from 11:15 until noon for inspection of the snow images on the front campus and the forts on the athletic field. Judging of the snow images will take place at 1:00 p.m.

A hockey game at the Pearl Street Pool between Fitchburg and Cushing Academy will be played from 1:15 to 3:00 which will be followed at 3:20 by an

JUNIORS, FRESHMEN WIN IN BASKETBALL

The Junior G.M. team gained vengeance on the Senior P.A. team last Monday by beating them 22 to 21 in a game that lasted overtime. Last year the Seniors beat the Juniors by one point, so the Juniors were out for a victory. Kirby proved the spark plug and leading scorer for the Juniors tallying 11 points.

Outplaying a strong opponent, the Freshman G.M.'s won a decisive 38 to 24 victory over the Sophomore P.A.'s. This was the first appearance of the Freshman G.M. team and they look very promising. Captain "Shorty" Kendall proved a very able leader.

Walter Vorse and Frank Luokkala were referees for both games.

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throughout the game. The Coach's emphasis made during practice on effective passing proved to be an immense help. Every man played hard ball, offensively and defensively. The teamwork clicked perfectly. As stated before, Bejune will prove to be a great help to the team. He certainly went to town Wednesday night. Chet Smith played an exceptional game.

Fitchburg fans can look forward to a successful season if the men play as well as they did Wednesday.

exhibition of ski-jumping and a snow battle. The latter will feature contests between the Seniors and Freshmen, and the Juniors and Sophomores.

A sports dance will be held in the gymnasium from 4:45 to 7:00. During the period from 5:30 to 6:30, a lunch will be served.

The evening program will consist of a basketball game from 7:30 to 10:30.